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## THE WILSON CABINET

President Wilson's cabinet make-up is even more surprising than the tentative allotments of portfolios made by several politicians who thought they knew the Wilsonian mind. Very obviously they did not.

Probably no cabinet for three decades has caused so much surprise as that with which Wilson begins his critical administration. The surprise is that the president chose so many advisers who have figured so little in public life. And yet this is no longer any argument against their efficiency. With the great growth of means of communication and transportation in the United States, the farmer in California, the banker in Michigan or the manufacturer of Alabama has practically as much opportunity to keep in touch with important public affairs as has the congressman, the lobbying attorney or the office-holder in Washington.

One of the significant facts seen in Wilson's selections is that he has kept away from the senate and house of representatives in picking the men for his official family. Now this is not at all a slap at the strong Wilson men in both houses. Those who have been closest to the president-elect in the few weeks before he became president realized that Wilson felt that he needed every true Wilson Democrat on the floors of Congress to aid him in carrying through his progressive policies. The president knows that there is a strong stand-pat element in his own party that will probably rise up and howl when the radical nature of some of his policies is revealed. And he is going to need all his congressional strength to secure some pet legislation.

To this realization is ascribed Wilson's refusal to name Senator O'Gorman of New York or Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania for portfolios. Though Palmer was an avowed candidate for the attorney-generalship, Wilson was frank in saying that he needed the assistance of the brilliant young Pennsylvanian in the lower house, where the Democratic majority is so large that it is inclined to run away with itself.

The senate Democratic majority is so slight that the loss of one man, particularly such a man as O'Gorman, Gore of Oklahoma or Culberson of Texas, would imperil the Wilson legislation.

Most of the men in the Wilson cabinet are practically unknown in Hawaii. The new secretary of the interior, Franklin K. Lane, is an able and progressive public official, who made a fine record with the interstate commerce commission. The strength of the cabinet and its adaptability have yet to be tested.

## GETTING AT THE "BLIND PIG"

The Webb bill, forced to law over the president's veto, is not regarded by the prohibition forces on the mainland as a measure of equal strength with the Kenyon bill, to judge by mainland newspaper comment, but it is regarded on all sides as a distinct victory for the moral issues involved. The Literary Digest thus summarizes some newspaper discussion:

"Illicit liquor-selling in 'dry' states is hard hit by the passage of the Webb bill, which makes it unlawful to ship, transport, or receive intoxicating liquors for illegal sale or use in states or territories that prohibit its sale. It is regarded, to use the words of the Nashville Banner, as the severest blow ever dealt the liquor traffic. 'This measure,' says the New York Times's Washington correspondent, 'is the most far-reaching piece of anti-liquor legislation ever put before Congress.' The anti-saloon forces are greatly encouraged by the fact that in the House, which is supposed to voice the people's will more than any other body, the vote was 240 to 65. There was no way of telling exactly how the senate stood, because the vote was viva voce, but the New York World correspondent says that even there only 'two or three negative voices were heard.' 'That the people believe in the fundamental morality of the measure,' says the Richmond Times-Dispatch, 'is proved by the vote in the House.' According to newspaper accounts, the liquor interests made a determined fight against the passage of the bill, and their lobbyists were about as numerous in the galleries when the votes were taken as the active agents of the 'White Ribboners.' Senator Root, who was the chief spokesman for the opposition in the upper house, attacked the measure solely on the grounds that it would probably be declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. The Webb bill, which is less effective than the Kenyon bill, because it does not forbid outright the shipment

of liquor into 'dry' territory, contains but one section:

"That the shipment or transportation, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of any spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquor of any kind, from one state, territory, or district of the United States, or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, into any other state, territory, or district of the United States, or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, or from any foreign country into any state, territory, or district of the United States, or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, which said spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented or other intoxicating liquor is intended, by any person interested therein, to be received, possessed, sold or in any manner used, either in the original package or otherwise, in violation of any law of such state, territory, or district of the United States or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, is hereby prohibited."

## YAMAMOTO

Yamamoto, the new premier of Japan, is a wise and energetic statesman, thinks the Christian Science Monitor. The Monitor comments upon his appointment as follows: "Americans' interest in the solution of Japan's problem of finding a man large enough to meet grave national issues and solve them, is increased by news of Count Yamamoto's acceptance of the premiership and his choice of a cabinet of men who are inclined to accept constitutional rights. This able and battle-tested admiral and naval administrator is a graduate of the United States naval academy at Annapolis, Md., and since his graduation he has always kept in touch with American thought and political changes. He comes from the people of Japan, and has more democratic instincts than many of the men who have been influential up to a recent date but who now find their own and their clans' authority challenged by people who are not only deeply stirred but bold of speech. Yamamoto is identified with an arm of the national service which, in its record of patriotism is never in point of time, but not less glorious, than the army; but because it is newer it is not hampered by caste distinctions and hoary traditions like the army.

"Consideration of the present turmoil in Japan cannot proceed far without appreciation of the dawn of a new era in journalism. Organs of the old regime have been made to suffer at the hands of irate citizens, and the penalties attaching to subserviency have been made apparent. On the other hand, independent criticism of men and of parties never has flourished so vigorously and with so little regard for possible penal consequences. Even though a conservative reaction were to follow after the recent unprecedented outburst of popular independence, it is not probable that conditions of censorship ever again will be as they were prior to recent epoch-making events. Public sentiment and opinion long suppressed having at last found vent, they will not submit to a return to a program of secrecy, either in domestic affairs or in foreign policy. Thus the outer world may be permitted to know much more about Japanese history than even foreigners have been permitted to tell of late years. For instance, the American reading public may ere long really know the facts about the indignities said to have been experienced by Korean Christians and American missionaries at the hands of Japanese court officials."

Now that the morning paper has brought up the subject of circulation and advertising, it is sufficient to state that only one paper in Honolulu has ever opened its books and subscription lists to the public, and that paper is the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. This paper is the only paper that is quite willing to back up its statements with an invitation to advertisers, patrons and the public to inspect its books. And this is the kind of fact that speaks louder than mere claims.

Mexico is certainly going the rest of the world one better on its method of "recall". And at the same time it may be remarked that Mexico is no place for a nervous president.

President Wilson may not be one of the real Lincolnian rail-splitters, but her certainly can smash the precedents.

Turkey's bid for all the trouble in the world is Lincolnian rail-splitters, but he certainly can

## LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

### FIGURES ON IT

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir:—Undoubtedly you have heard of that old time song that goes something like this:

Backward, turn backward, time in its flight,  
Make me like the "Tiser" just for tonight."

Well, that seemed applicable to the Advertiser's handling of the presidential inauguration news about three hours before it happened? But it did, and can you beat it.

The inauguration was supposed to have taken place at 12 o'clock noon, March 4. The longitude of Oahu is 157° 55' W. The longitude of Washington, D. C., is 77° 05' W. The difference is 80° 50', reduced to time makes 5 hours and 31 minutes as difference in time as it is reckoned on the clock, so when the inaugural was going on in Washington, supposedly at noon yesterday, it was 23 minutes past 6 o'clock here, but the morning paper had been on the streets for nearly an hour, and that does not take into consideration the time occupied in presswork.

But to make matters worse, the cable in the afternoon states that the

inauguration was held up for over an hour, and that would make it after half past seven, local time. The Advertiser told all about it at half past five. Good work.

The morning paper states this morning, editorially, that the difference in time between here and Washington permitted that paper to print the advance sheet news. Will the Advertiser please quote the difference in time between Washington, D. C., and Oahu for the benefit of its readers so that they may judge for themselves?

If it had rained like sixty and drove everybody to shelter just before the oath was administered, or had a lot of women fainted, or any other catastrophe delayed the inauguration for a couple of hours, why, the readers of the morning paper would have gotten the "sunshine dope, and all serene," and all that just the same. Oh, it's wonderful, what a morning paper can do. DEMOCRAT.

### FROM A DEMOCRATIC VIEWPOINT

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir:—In the Advertiser of the 5th inst. a great deal of advice is given the Democratic party as to how it should run its affairs, from the standpoint of the Advertiser.

It asks for more courtesy to be shown its governor. It also suggests a course of action towards the delegate to congress which would rid the Advertiser minority of the Republican party of some of its discards and germs.

"The Tiser is too serious concerning those two house resolutions. It made a mistake in failing to see the humorous side of them. No doubt it has a pain in its stomach from swallowing Jonah, but it should have recovered sufficiently to smile at Holstein et al. gagging over the F-year camel. H.

am told, that living expenses may be kept as low as possible.

### Solving Big Problems.

It is amazing in the first place that concerns so big as those now in Tarance, and those soon to be there, can find the business that will warrant such an outlay of capital. The re-arranging of freight rates necessarily gives these firms a wider field in which to compete, the use of oil for fuel solves one very important problem. The greatest problem of all, that of securing sufficient labor, and keeping it so contented that there may be uninterrupted production, seems in a fair way to be solved.

Not that these managers of big business are putting full reliance upon the creation of industrial contentment to prevent any unrest on the part of employees. Thousands of workmen have a perfectly good position for another no better except in a vague promise of betterment, simply because of a natural unrest, a dissatisfaction with anything permanent — and business history contains many instances of the unnecessary harm done through professional agitators playing upon this human quality. There may yet come a time in Los Angeles, in Tarance, when great strikes will take place.

The manufacturers have provided well in this matter, for any man who starts trouble can by law be ordered off the company's properties, and to get off he must go two miles, and once off he finds himself in a waste of country. Picketing of industrial plants can do little harm here, for such picketing as can be done must take place almost too far away from the plant to be noticed with the naked eye.

These plants do not confine themselves to orders from local fields, as evidenced by the fact that in one plant I saw a very large order being assembled for Japan, the equipment for a large oil company. Another large order had just been sent forward to China, still another order was being filled for Texas. The heavy shipments for the Orient had to pass through San Francisco and Honolulu, in both places there being competing iron works. I was told.

Fine Cotton in Imperial Valley.  
It opens one's eyes to see what has been done already, what is yet to be done. The great Imperial valley in the southeastern part of the state, is growing a very high grade of cotton, much of which is used now by the California cotton mills at Oakland, Cal. With the growth of this industry, cotton mills are to be located near Los Angeles, and it is only a question of time therefore before manufacturers utilizing completed cotton products will find it advantageous to locate here as well.

A successful business is generally the lengthened shadow of some one man is a thought expressed by some writer of business epics. Perhaps the fullest credit will never go to General Otis of the Los Angeles Times, but to him undoubtedly is due a part of the great growth of this territory.

He has too many enemies to ever be given general credit—he couldn't have

## LOS ANGELES A CITY BUILT FOR FUTURE

By ERNEST N. SMITH

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 25.—To speak of Los Angeles as an industrial center seems a misnomer, yet there are evidences about this "residence" city which go to show that the talk of an industrial center is no fiction of the real estate dealer—it is becoming an accomplished fact.

You can visit a very large shipbuilding concern within a few miles of Los Angeles, where extra shifts can hardly keep up with the work on hand. Being far behind on orders is customary—not unusual. The iron works in Los Angeles that the union labor element tried so desperately to put out of business via the dynamite route, is more flourishing than ever.

The capitalists and businessmen in Los Angeles are evidently far-seeing enough to have already taken steps for industrial betterment. Seeing the woe of the night of San Francisco blessed with labor agitators and industrial stagnation, these men successfully resisted every attack of labor organism, and then, stronger than ever, have of their own volition taken steps to insure industrial contentment.

Especially was this knowledge brought home in a recent visit I paid to a new industrial community—Tarance. Fifteen miles from Los Angeles there was a perfect boulevard as good as any in the state, to the very center of the new town. The district comprises several hundred acres, and already great shops and industries are either under construction, or are already completed and producing equipment.

Modern Industrial Helps.  
One in particular, an enormous tool works, has most of the buildings erected, and those in process of construction are being built as a result of increased business. Every modern safety and lighting feature has been devised for the workmen. Near the works in a separate residence district is a collection of bungalows that would be a credit to any residence city. Each different, each one attractive. Paved streets and sidewalks in front, a generous yard, all the houses set back on an equal line from the street, with lawns at every residence. Water, gas and electricity furnished. Here live the laborers. The houses are built for the employees by the company and rented at a nominal figure.

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He'll be remembered all right—it's only by the deepness of the scars he left. And sometimes scars are the best things to leave.

### DANGER OF PERNICIOUS LITERATURE

For most aggressive action on our literature of harmful and pernicious literature." That is the statement of Franklin K. Mathews, Chief Scout Book Worm of the Boy Scouts of America, who is developing a plan for the culture of boys by the books, they

like best. He says: "I have been perfectly amazed to find what the true situation is as regards what boys are really reading and the forces that are being used by private publishing companies to promote the sale of their vicious and mediocre books.

"I am free to say that under circumstances as I have found them out in the last few weeks, there is scarcely a boy who is safe from the influence of harmful and pernicious literature. In one of the very best preparatory schools in the country I found these books being circulated almost without let or hindrance, and it was recently brought to my attention that one of the very best denominational publishing houses is an agent for their distribution. All these facts add several elements to the problem calling 'Scarcely a boy is safe from the impact.'

Women do not expect men to be wise all the time, and there are men who do not expect women to be wise any of the time.

There are lots of society rabbits posing as lions.

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